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JAMES SHORTHILL IS DEAD FROM A NECK FRACTURE

Injured While Swimming In the Elkhorn River Sunday Afternoon.

James J. Shorthill, of Emmet, died at a hospital at Norfolk last Sunday evening about 10:45, at the age of 44 years, 1 month and 3 days, from a broken neck which he received when he dived into shallow water in the Elkhorn river near Emmet Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Shorthill was attending a family picnic on the river a short distance from Emmet last Sunday afternoon. Several of the younger folks went in bathing and swimming and Jimmy decided that he would take a swim. He had one of the younger boys wade out into the water to see how deep it was and he said he would dive in. He did and the water was too shallow and he broke his neck; the water was about three feet deep where he dived. He was at once brought to this city and Dr. Findley advised that he be taken to the hospital at Norfolk and he was taken there that afternoon in Biglin's ambulance, accompanied by a nurse. On the way to Norfolk he was cheerful and chatted with the nurse, but realized that he had but a slight chance of surviving the injury. His wife and two daughters, drove to Norfolk in another car and were with him when he passed away, a few hours after his arrival there.

James J. Shorthill was born at Pittsburg, Pa., on July 3, 1889. When a young man of seventeen he came to this county and was a resident of the county continuously up to the time of his death. For a time, after his arrival here he made his home with an uncle, the late Joseph McCaffrey. For several years he was engaged in the general mercantile business at Emmet and also farmed near that village.

On November 9, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Mullen, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of the county, who, with two daughters, Kathleen and Monica, his mother, Mrs. Catherine Shorthill, of Pittsburg, who came from Pennsylvania last evening for the funeral, and one brother who lives in Pittsburg, are left to mourn the death of a kind and affectionate husband, father, son and brother.

James Shorthill was one of the best loved young men in Emmet precinct. He was industrious, frugal and devotedly attached to his charming family. He was a great lover of athletic sports and was often a participant in the athletic events of the Emmet section during the past twenty years. He loved his fellow man and nothing gave him more pleasure than to meet a friend with a hearty hand clasp and a cheerful greeting. Even tempered and gentlemanly he won and held a host of admiring friends in all sections of the county who join his sorrowing family in genuine sorrow at his tragic death.

The funeral was held from the Catholic church at Emmet at 9:30 this morning, the assistant pastor of the Atkinson Catholic church officiating, in the absence of Father Byrne who was out of the city. Monsignor M. F. Cassidy of this city delivered the funeral sermon and interment was in Calvary cemetery in O'Neill. The funeral was the largest ever seen in the village of Emmet, testifying to

the esteem in which the deceased was held by those with whom he had come in almost daily contact for the past quarter of a century.

The Frontier joins the many friends of James Shorthill in extending its heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and relatives.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OBTAINING A HOME LOAN BANK LOAN

1. Get and write down an accurate description of your property, including the legal description as to lot, block, acreage, etc.

2. Get the name and correct address of the holder of each lien and approximately the amount due.

3. Get in touch with the Home Loan Bank at Norfolk, Nebr., either in person or by letter and the bank will furnish you with a little circular showing the kind of loans that can be made and a statement of why the lien holders should accept 4 per cent tax free Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds in exchange for their mortgages.

4. With the above done you can determine if your loan can be made by the bank, and if it can either the bank will furnish you with blank applications or you can obtain same from the following persons in your territory: George M. Harrington, attorney, O'Neill, Nebr.; W. H. Brennan, attorney, Butte, Nebr.; or Harold Rice, attorney, Neligh, Nebraska.

4-H CLUB DEMONSTRATION DAY

Ten 4-H Clubs had teams at the special demonstration day held August 1st at O'Neill. County Agent Rooney had the help of Miss Helen Noyes and Mr. Elmer Schiedenheim of the agricultural college at Lincoln.

Mr. Schiedenheim listened to the boys demonstrations and gave the club members and their leaders suggestions for improving their talks and their work. Miss Noyes did the same for the girls club demonstrators.

4-H Club members ordinarily demonstrate at three places and for three reasons. They give individual and team demonstrations at their club meetings and team demonstrations at community meetings and county and state fairs. The important purpose of the 4-H demonstration is to develop the boy and girl, get them over their stage fright, and give them practice in thinking on their feet. Another purpose of the 4-H demonstration is to spread the new ideas developed in club work among the farmers and homemakers of the neighborhood. The third purpose is to win contests held at county, state and interstate fairs. All these things were considered at the local demonstration day.

Robert Vierboom, of Highland Falls, N. Y., arrived in the city last Saturday and will visit old scenes and friends in this vicinity for a week or ten days. Mr. Vierboom was a former resident of this city and county. Forty-six years ago he lived in the vicinity of Meek. He was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton, pioneer residents of that section. During the winter months Mr. Vierboom lived in this city and attended the O'Neill schools. In 1889, becoming dissatisfied with life on the farm he ran away and since that time has visited practically all parts of the United States. For the past twenty-five years he has been a resident of Highland Falls, where he has been one of the civilian employees of the West Point academy. About thirty-three years ago he visited this city, seeking old time friends and landmarks. Since that time he has kept tracks of old time friends in this vicinity by reading The Frontier each week and finally the desire to visit the scenes of his boyhood became so great that he decided to again visit Holt county. When he leaves here he expects to put in a couple of weeks at the exposition in Chicago. The writer enjoyed a pleasant visit with Mr. Vierboom last Saturday morning, discussing the olden times of this section and recalling to memory many of the pioneer residents who have long since gone to their reward. While in this county Mr. Vierboom will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith, who live in the neighborhood of his old home.

The Sisters of St. Mary's Academy wish to express appreciation to the members of the Alumnae Association for the enjoyable picnic held last week. A special word of thanks is due the drivers, Miss Roberta Arbuthnot, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mrs. Hugh Coyne, Miss Mary Jeanne Hammond, Miss Grace Quilty and Mr. Lawrence Phalin. Mr. Andy Clark and family proved themselves to be delightful hosts and helped to make the picnic one that will not easily be forgotten.

BRIEFLY STATED

The Mellor Motor Co. unloaded a carload of new Fords last Tuesday.

Miss Geraldine Cronin has accepted a position in the Golden Rule store.

Attorney W. J. Hammond left this morning on a business trip to Omaha.

Miss Alberta Van Every has been visiting friends and relatives in Page the past week.

Miss Bessie Bradley, of Ainsworth, has been visiting at the George Van Every home this week.

The O'Neill public schools will open for the fall term on Monday, four weeks from next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant White and children left last Friday morning for a ten day visit with relatives in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Mary Fields, of Newport, was in the city last Friday, visiting at the home of her brother, Dean Streeter and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney left last Saturday for a two weeks vacation with relatives and friends in Omaha and Minnesota.

The Mellor Motor Co. report the sale of new cars the past week to; Earl Wrede, a tudor Sedan and Al. Virgin, a tudor Sedan.

F. H. Wagner, of Lincoln, attorney for the Veterans Bureau, was in the city looking after business in the county court last Tuesday.

Hugh Carr, age 42, and Miss Margaret Holcomb, age 23, both of O'Neill were granted a marriage license in county court on August 7th.

R. M. Herre, of Fremont, came up last Sunday and spent a day visiting with his son, O. M. Herre and family, returning home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Stanley, of Basset, visited at the John L. Quig home last Tuesday on their return from a visit to their old home at Harlan, Iowa.

M. H. Horiskey and sisters, Miss Mary and Mrs. Kate Miller and son, Billie, left last Tuesday morning for a ten days visit at the exposition at Chicago.

John Robert Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, has accepted a position in the O'Neill National bank, entering upon his duties last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. P. B. Harty entertained the Martez Club at her home last Friday evening. Mrs. J. P. Brown, Miss Marjorie Dickson, Mrs. Emmet Doyle and Mrs. John McManus won the high scores.

R. H. Parker returned last Monday evening from a ten day visit to the Chicago exposition. Ryland says that they have a great show in Chicago and that the weather was nice and comfortable while he was there.

Newton Splawn, of Omaha, who has been in the intelligence department or bureau of investigation of the Federal prohibition department, for several years past, was looking after business matters in this city last Monday.

Miss Anna O'Donnell won the prize for low score at the ladies golf tournament at the Country Club last Thursday afternoon and Miss Nancy Dickson won the prize for getting the most fives on her round of the course.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Coyne and children left this morning for a short visit in Omaha. Their nieces, the Misses Mary Susan and Katherine Dwyer, who had been visiting at their home for the past week, returned home with them.

L. G. Gillespie left last Saturday for a couple of weeks visit with relatives and friends at Portland, Oregon and Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Gillespie, who has been visiting at the home of her daughter on the coast will return home with him.

Mrs. John Biglin and son, James, of Hastings, and her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pohlman, of Lawrence, Nebr., arrived in the city last Saturday for a few days visit with relatives and friends here. They left for home Monday afternoon.

EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least one year next preceding the date for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the Executive order, the Civil Service Commission will certify to the Postmaster General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, from which the Postmaster General may select one for nomination by the President. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business experience and fitness. The Civil Service Commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and the evidence thus secured will be considered in determining the ratings to be assigned to the applicants.

The Commission states that presidential postmasters are not in the classified civil service and that its duties in connection with appointments to such positions are to hold examinations and to certify the results to the Postmaster General. The Commission is not interested in the political, religious or fraternal affiliations of any applicant.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

ROONEY WILL BE SPEAKER AT COUNTY WHEAT MEETINGS

County Agent James W. Rooney will be the principal speaker at the five wheat meetings which will be held in Holt county beginning August 16th, according to announcements made by James D. Beck, Chairman of the Holt county committee. The first of these meetings will be held at the Town Hall in Ewing at 1:30 P. M. Wednesday, August 16; the second will be held in Scottville Hall north of Opportunity at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday evening; the third meeting will be held in the Town Hall at Stuart at 1:30 P. M. on Thursday, August 17; the fourth at Atkinson in the Memorial Hall at 8:00 P. M. Thursday evening, and the fifth will be at the Court House in O'Neill on Friday, August 18 at 1:30 P. M.

These meetings are to explain the wheat acreage reduction plan and the benefit payments to the wheat farmer. The wheat producer should know the situation and decide whether the plan will fit in with his way of farming. The farmer who agrees to reduce his acreage and makes an honest effort to produce a crop will receive his benefit payment even though he failed to harvest a crop due to hail, grasshoppers or drought.

The benefit payment this fall is intended to put ready cash into the hands of farmers so that their purchasing power may be increased. Farmers who do not sign a contract this fall will not have an opportunity to do so later. So plan to attend your nearest meeting and learn about the wheat acreage reduction plan.

STORES TO BE OPEN UNTIL 10:00 P. M. ON SATURDAY

At an adjourned meeting of the business men of the city, held at the K. C. Hall last Monday evening, on the N. R. A. code, it was unanimously decided to keep all stores in the city open on Saturday evening until 10 o'clock, instead of 9, as had been agreed upon a week ago. It seemed to be the general consensus of opinion that 9 o'clock was a little early to close on Saturday evenings, especially during the busy season. The ban on Sunday opening still remains in effect.

Mrs. William Stafford and children, of Scottsbluff, and her sister, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, of Tyler, Texas, who were here about three weeks ago on their way to visit their sister, Mrs. Jane Donnelly at Ontonagan, Mich., arrived in the city last evening on their way home. They will visit old friends in this city for a few days.

SILVER JUBILEE AT ST. MARY'S

On Friday, August 18th, Sister Adelaide will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of her profession in the Order of St. Francis. There will be a High Mass at nine o'clock in the convent chapel. The Sisters cordially invite all their friends to be present. The pupils of the entire academy, high school and grades, are requested to report at the school not later than eight forty-five that morning.

H. J. BIRMINGHAM IS ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Hugh J. Birmingham has been appointed a member of the Nebraska Unemployment committee for Holt county. Last Monday Hugh attended a meeting of the members of the committee from the counties of Holt, Rock, Brown, Keya Paha and Cherry at Ainsworth. A Mr. Heim, of Lincoln, attended the meeting as a representative of George Hodges, of Lincoln, head of the federal state unemployment committee.

Mr. Birmingham says that at the meeting the objects of the committee were explained to the members and that it was the intention, within the next week to take a census of all the unemployed in the several counties of the state, and that all federal and state road work would use these unemployed men, that were recommended by the counties.

WILL OPEN GROCERY HERE ON SATURDAY

Robert Scholz, for many years engaged in the grocery business at Pierce and later at Spencer, will open a grocery store in the McManus building, just north of McManus' store, next Saturday morning. His many years of business experience in this line make him a valuable addition to the circle of O'Neill business men. He has a nice, tidy store, well stocked and he solicits a share of the business of the people of this city and county. See his advertisement in another column.

FOURTH AND DOUGLAS By the Rounders.

Tubby is back on the Avenue. After due examination of his digits we have to contradict the story that he was strung from the rafters by his thumbs for the past week.

The town has been treated to a novel sight for the past week. Bill Hammond Jr. is actually WORKING!

Statisticians have estimated that it would take over two tons of blating powder to clear the First National bank steps.

And we thought that the O'Neill National was conservative! Gus Gallagher has accepted a position in that honored institution as Sixth vice president.

Uncle Lou Zastrow, after due deliberation, finally enlightened us in regard to his owl-like proclivities. "Why should I go home? Somebody might be sticking a pig," was his quaint rejoinder to our question.

We wonder how George feels after the first round with the "Booster."

Ted McElhaney left for Minnesota early this week. Don't forget to put your hook in the water, Ted.

Darn the luck anyway. The three decimal two really isn't intoxicating!

Art R, the popular mail carrier, reverted to his former occupation as bartender last night and aided Harry Jagers in "drawing" Three Point Two—and did he enjoy it!

The Misses Marjorie, Nancy and Marion Dickson left last Wednesday morning for Chicago, where they expect to put in a week or so taking in the sights of the exposition.

Sister Colixta, of Chicago, and Sister Eugene, of Sioux City, Iowa, arrived in the city last Monday for a weeks visit with their mother, Mrs. O. F. Biglin and with other relatives here.

CARD OF THANKS

Neighbors and friends were exceedingly kind during the illness and following the death of our beloved wife and mother, the late Mrs. William R. Tenborg, and to those friends who wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for their many deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy.—W. R. Tenborg, Mrs. A. O. Cadman, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tenborg, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Vern Swick, Lawrence Tenborg, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wagnon, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Grehn, Mr. and Mrs. Thaine Humphrey and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Olson.

COUNCIL MEETS TO SETTLE THE BEER LICENSE QUESTION

Two Wholesalers and Four Retailers Are Licensed To Sell Beverage.

The City Council met in adjourned session this morning and took up the matter of the remonstrance that was filed against the granting of licenses for the sale of beer in the city, all members being present except Gillespie, who was out of the city.

After the meeting had been called to order by the Mayor the council went into committee of the whole for the investigation of the remonstrating petition. The petition as filed contained 73 names. The total vote cast at the last election was 119. Twenty-six of the signers of the petition had filed with the city clerk requests to have their names withdrawn from the petition and not counted as signers thereof.

The council found that of the remaining names appearing on the petition, after eliminating the 26 that requested their names be withdrawn, four of the signers were not legal voters of this city and that one name appearing thereon was not signed by the person whose name appears. The council further found that of the remaining 42 names only the names of four persons on the petition appear on the polling list of the last city election. The council further found that there are only four names of voters legally qualified who have signed said petition, and that said petition is insufficient and does not contain the names of fifty percentum of the legal voters as shown by the polling list used at the last city election, and is not to be considered as a remonstrance.

The following applications were then presented to the council and licenses granted them for the sale of beer, after their bonds had been approved: W. E. Gatz, wholesale Merri Beverage Co., wholesale G. W. Mellor, on sale and off sale. Harry Jagers, on sale. E. F. Peterson, on sale. Howard Bauman, on sale.

ATTENTION COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS.

Sharpen your wits. The keenness of your mental ability will be tested Friday night at a scavenger party at the O'Neill Country Club, 8 P. M. Dress for the occasion as you may have to be a steeple-jack or dog catcher ere the "moon comes over the cow shed." All members cordially invited.

C. E. Stout, Harry Reardon and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham drove to Norfolk last Friday where the two former attended a meeting of the druggists of this section of the state, where the code for the druggists was discussed. Similar meetings were held in different parts of the state in an attempt to get together on a code for the conduct of their businesses under the N. R. A. Nothing definite was decided upon at this meeting but a code will probably be adopted at a later meeting to be held in Omaha, attended by representatives of the various group meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Matthews and children, of Isabel, South Dakota arrived in the city last Sunday for a weeks visit with relatives and friends in their old home.

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